given subsequently. Other observations contained in the Audit report are being examined and suitable remedial steps will be taken.

Villages without Post Offices in Adivasi Districts of Maharashtra

†*235. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the nanes of villages in the Adivasi districts in Maharashtra where there are no post office facilities available within the distance of four to five kilometers;

(b) whether Govemment would seriously consider to formulate a scheme to provide post offices so that the people of Adivasi districts can be saved from this hardship;

(c) if so, the details thereof;'and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) There are as many as 113 villages in Adivasi districts of Maharashtra where there are not post offices within the distance of 4 to 5 Kms. The names of such villages are given in the annex. The Govemment is very keen to expand postal network in the rural including the tribal areas of the country. With this objective in view, relaxed norms are followed while determining eligibility for opening of post offices in such areas. In the normal rural areas for opening of an Extra Departmental Branch Post Office the existing norms prescribe a population of 3000 in a group of villages, including the village where the post office has been proposed, 3 Kms. distance from the nearest existing post office and the anticipated income to the tune of 33 V3% of the cost. These norms are further relaxed for opening of a Branch Post Office in tribal areas. The relaxed norms, are a population of 500 in individual village or 1000 in a group of villages, a distance of 3 Kms. from the nearest existing post office, which also can be relaxed in special cases and an anticipated income to the tune of 15% of the cost. Even for opening of Departmental Sub Offices, which are required to be self-supporting in the *mloaa*

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areas, the norms are relaxed for opening of such post offices in tribal areas. When a Departmental Sub Post Office is required to be opened in tribal areas, the permissible limit of loss is Rs. 4800/- per annum. Further, in order to expand postal facilities in the tribal areas of the country, it is proposed to open 100 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 10 Departmental Sub Post Offices in the tribal areas of the country during the Annual Plan 1999-2000, subject to norm based justification and availability of resources. A target for opening of 7 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 1 Departmental Sub Post Office in the tribal areas of Maharashtra has been allocated to the Maharashtra Postal Circle during the Annual Plan 1999-2000.

Statement

Names of Villages in Adivasi Districts of Maharashtra where there is no Post Office within the Distance of Four to Five Kilometers

SI. No.	Name of Village	SI. No	Name of Village	SI. No	Name of Village
MUMBAI REGION					
1.	Khanivare	2.	Sidhagarh	3.	Khopdi
4.	Cansole	5,	Ambivali	6.	Olman
7.	Vare	8.	Tembhare	9.	Shiler
10.	Kothimbe				
PUNE REGION					
11.	'Ambegaon	12.	Ambe	13.	Piperwadi
14.	Amboli	15.	Botade	16.	Bhivade Kh.
17.	Keli	18.	Mankeshwar	19.	Dewale
20.	Ghatghar	21.	Phangulgavhan	22,	Ghangakhare
23.	Hadsar	24.	Halvij	25	Jalvandi
26.	Hirdi	27.	Khadkhumbe '	28.	Usran
29.	Kevadi	30.	Kopare	31.	Jabhulehi
32.	Kolvadi	33.	Khireshwar	34.	Karandale
35.	Khelkale	36.	Kheire	37.	Matherine
38.	Walkhel	39.	Pur	40.	Shiroli T. Kukadnare

SI. No.	Name of Village	SI, No	Name of Village	SI. No.	Name of Village
41.	Sanganore	42.	Kolhewadi	43.	Sukalvedhe
44.	Surale	45.	Tejur	46.	.Dandekhadak
47.	Shirgaon	48.	Mandogi	49.	Parsul
50.	Ghotvadi	"51.	Kharpud	52.	Shandurf
53.	Dhamangaon Kh	, 54.	Moroshi	55.	Bhomale
56.	Dhamangaon Bk	57.	Goregaon	58.	Ambit
59.	Abit Khind	60.	Chandsuraj	61.	Ghatghar
62.	Gondasi	63.	Karandi	64.	Khadaki Bk.
65.	Khadlci Khd.	66.	Kumset	67.	(Kotul) Lavhali
68.	Lavhali Otur	69.	Pachansi	70.	Pise Wadi
71.	Siswad	72.	Shirpunje Khd.	73.	Panjare
74.	Kothata				
AURANGABAD REGION					
75.	Dolara	76.	Dongaria	77.	Kalhipada
78.	Khokari	79.	Khuntivihar	80.	Kothula
81.	Kukudmunda	82.	Malegavahan	83.	Ragaivihir
84,	Rahude	85.	Shinde	86.	Pimpalgaon Kctri
87.	Belu	88.	Adharvad	89.	Adsar Bk.
90.	Ahurtil	91.	Mhasurli	92.	Avhale
93.	Ambarwadi	94.	Borshingre	95.	Ghoti Kh.
96.	Kurungwadi	97.	Maydara	98.	Malunje
99.	Balayaduri	100.	Deole	101.	Khanchangaon
102.	Morijargaon	103.	Nandgaon Sadu	104.	Pimpalgaon Mor
105.	Samner (D)	106.	Shedwad Kh.	107.	Sonoshi
108.	Somaj	109.	Shevgedong	llO.	Shirsathe
111.	Ubhade	112.	Umbarkore	113.	Valvihar

FICCI Study Report on Employees in Public ^Sector Banlcs

*236. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has reported after a study that there are large number of redundant employees in public sector banks;

(b) if so, the details of their study report; and

(c) the action proposed to reduce the waistline?